



Full STEAM ahead for SMS

By Alondra & Shelby

There is a cool, new class at Stanton Middle School, and it's called the STEAM Lab.

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking, according to EducationCloset.com.

They say end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process.

These are the innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!

Students learn about all kinds of new things related to those fields in the STEAM lab, such as animation, 3D printing, and engineering techniques, just to name a few. "The STEAM Lab helps students be more creative



Stanton Middle School's STEAM Lab.

and think outside the box," said the lab's teacher, Mrs. Robin Anderson.

"We're not constantly having to use only pen and paper, we're getting to do hands-on activities."

STEAM also allows students to begin exploring possible career choices, by giving them lots of new opportunities and exciting activities in the lab. "The

students are exposed to lots of different careers," said Mrs. Anderson.

"They can go from engineering, to doing something with art, or even anything math related.

It can pretty much be transferred to anything."

So far, it's a hit with the students taking the class.

"It's really fun," said 7th grader Zoe A.

"You get to do all sorts of things. We learned how to make animations and that was really cool. I just hope we keep learning more new things."

Overall, it seems like Steam lab will make the students' learning experiences much more exciting.

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School Life

To read, or not to read?

By Karina & Alyssa

Accelerated Reader is a popular reading program used by schools.

Even though you've already heard of it, you probably wonder why it's important.

Regular reading can help you in other subjects, whether understanding a text book better, or improve your writing.

"It is important to read some every day," said Ms. Burns, 7th grade Reading teacher.

"Just set aside a block of time to read. You should either read in class or even the evenings, or right before you go to bed every day.

There should be a time dedicated for reading every day."

Some kids don't really like to read, and do only what they have to, or not at all.

Others read as a hobby.

The difference can sometimes be seen in their grades at school.

"I think it is important to start establishing A.R, because like any other muscle in your body, your brain works the same way," said Stanton Middle School principal Mrs. Ruiz.

"So, the more you read, the more advanced your reading gets. The more you read, the better you comprehend, which will later help you not just in college, but in life."

For those of you that don't like the A.R. program, you better learn to like it and go after those points. You might not like what Mrs. Ruiz would do if the school ever got rid of A.R.

"I would probably replace it with more reading, and then writing about what you have read, like an essay. Then have you debate over some part of that book, like who's the antagonist of the story and why, but in front of classmates."

At a Glance:

Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that schools may use to monitor reading practice and progress.

It helps teachers guide kids to books that are on kids' individual reading levels.

Kids take short quizzes after reading a book to check if they've understood it

Meet the Teacher

Name: Mr. Cameron Nichols

Subject: 6th Grade Science

Hometown: Greenwood, Texas

First year at Stanton



When did you know you wanted to be a teacher?

"I decided that I wanted to be a teacher after working for a while in the oil field... Luckily during this past summer, I applied here at Stanton, and was able to secure a job at the school where I knew the people and they knew me. I also had the idea of teaching while going through college."

What got you interested in the subject you teach?

"I remember using microscopes in the 6th grade to look at microorganisms in water. From that point forward, I knew that I wanted to teach science, because it helps us better understand the world we live in, as well as make decisions to improve it."

If you were not a teacher, what job would you have?

"If I was not a teacher I would be a biologist. I love to study the natural world. The world is a big place and there is still much to be seen and discovered."

What hobbies/activities do you enjoy outside of school?

"I like to take long walks to think. I don't have Netflix or Hulu, so I don't spend much time watching tv. In fact, the only two shows I watch consistently are 'Hogan's Heroes' and 'The Andy Griffith Show'. Another hobby of mine is to travel. I love to explore and find new routes to different places. Life is too short to stay on the marked path."

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

"If I had a superpower it would be the ability to breath underwater and control the sea like Aquaman. Who would not want to control an armada of stingrays? How cool would that be? Also, most of the world is covered in water and is yet to be explored."

Sports

Are you ready for some football?



8th Grade offensive line drills.

By Ethan & Rigo

It's a brand new school year and that means it's also a brand new football season at Stanton Middle School.

The 7th and 8th-grade teams have been hard at practice for the past couple of weeks, gearing up

MS Football Schedule

Sept. 12	vs Forsan	5:30/6:30 pm
Sept. 19	at New Deal	5:30/6:30 pm
Sept. 26	vs Crane	5:30/6:30 pm
Oct. 3	OPEN	
Oct. 10	at *Abernathy	5:30/6:30 pm
Oct. 17	vs *Roosevelt	5:30/6:30 pm
Oct. 24	at *Coahoma	5:30/6:30 pm
Oct. 31	vs *Idalou	5:30/6:30 pm
Nov. 7	at Colorado City	5:30/6:30 pm

for their opening game at Forsan on September 12th.

"The kids are doing great," said coach Anthony Herrera, who is in his first season at Stanton.

"They're doing everything we tell them to do, they show up every day, and they give us 100 percent effort. That's all we can ask for."

The 8th-grade team will already have one year of middle school football under their belts, and enter the season with confidence.

"I'm really excited. I think we are going to do really well," said 8th grader Riley M.

"We got a lot better on our defense and offense, and we got a lot stronger this year and we are way more aggressive."

That experience should pay off this season, especially since one

of the most important parts of the team is who is catching the coaches' eye.

"One position group that has my eye right now is the 8th grade offensive line," Said Coach Herrera.

"They're really bonding right now and getting themselves together. I'm looking for them to have a good year."

Another area that could help the team, is the amount of kids wanting to play this year.

"Our strength is that we have a lot of numbers and a lot of people who are ready to hit," said Coach Chavez.

"They are ready to get rolling. They're getting tired of hitting each other and they're ready to go hit somebody else."



7th Grade football practice.

After a successful 7th-grade season last year, Matthew M. is expecting an even better year for the Buffaloes this season.

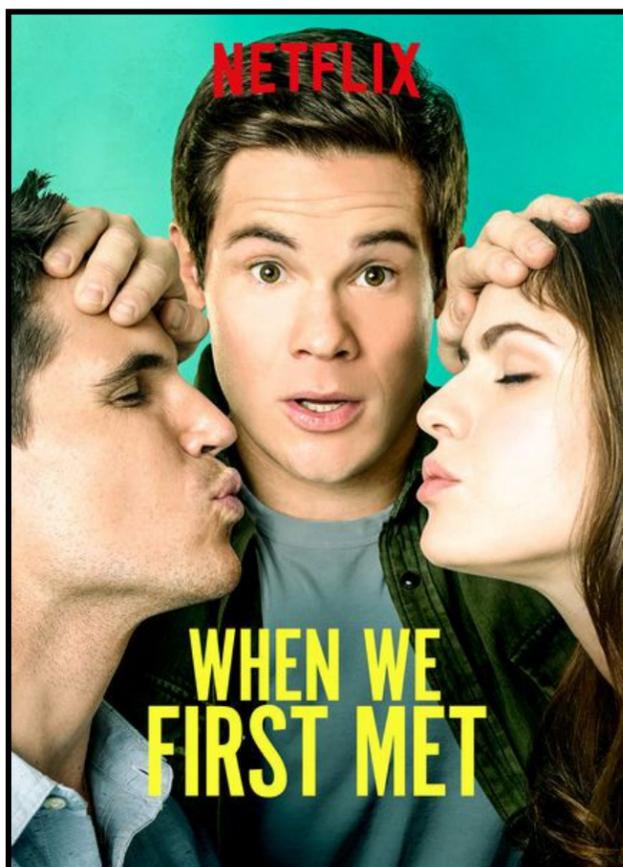
"I think we are going to be good because we've gotten better at playing the game and we just have more experience," he said.

Entertainment

What to WATCH on NETFLIX



Contributors - Kylee & Natalie



'When We First Met' is a movie on Netflix about a guy who is in love with his best friend, that is getting married. He goes back in time to try and make her fall in love with him, but everytime she falls in love with the same guy. And it's not him. You should watch 'When We First Met', if you like romantic comedies, or even if you're just wanting to find something entertaining to watch. It's very funny.



'The Umbrella Academy' is about kids with superpowers that grow up as adults and experience the struggle of the end of humanity coming.

They also have to try to figure out the source of it all, and when they do, it will bring a shock to most. 'The Umbrella Academy' is highly recommended. If you like Science Fiction and superheroes, this show might be for you.



Trending Songs

I Don't Care - Ed Sheeran and Justin Bieber

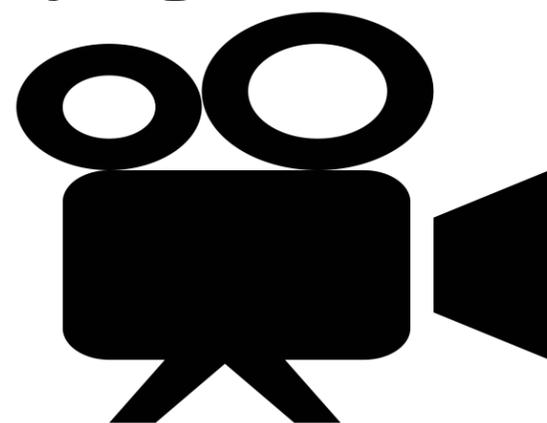
Senorita - Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello

Goodbyes - Post Malone (ft. Young Thug)

No Guidance - Chris Brown (ft. Drake)

If I Can't Have You - Shawn Mendes

If you go to the Movies



Dora: The Lost City of Gold

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Good Boys

Angry Birds 2

Overcome

Hobbs and Shaw

Ready or Not

The Lion King

Other Movies on Netflix

Rim of the World

The Last Summer

Dumplin

Always Be My Maybe

Other Series on Netflix

Stranger Things

On my Block

One Day At A Time

Chilling Adventures of Sabrina

News & Information

StuCo



Application Packets for Stanton Middle School's Student Council were ready to be picked up Thursday of last week.

If you are interested in applying for StuCo, be sure to pick up an application packet from the middle school office, Mr. Whitson's class, or Mrs. Turney's class.

All packets are due no later than Friday, September 13th.

Completed packets can be turned in to either Mr. Whitson or Mrs. Turney.

Applicants must be recommended by three teachers. Those teachers should be selected from ones that you've had in class before.

If it is a teacher's first year to have you in class, they might not know you well enough to recommend for Stuco.

Other requirements to serve on Student Council include, a personal commitment statement, maintaining an A/B academic average, agreement to the StuCo Zero Tolerance discipline policy, and an essay entitled, 'Why I want to be on Student Council.'

Weekly Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Today
Breakfast Burrito
Hash Browns
Cereal Bar & Yogurt
Fruit Juice
Fruit
Milk Variety

Wednesday
Power Breakfast
Muffin Choice
Yogurt
Fruit Juice
Fruit
Milk Variety

Thursday
Sausage Kolache
Cereal Bar
Yogurt
Juice Variety
Fruit
Milk Variety

Friday
Cereal & Toast
Juice Variety
Fruit
Milk Variety

Today
Crispy Tacos
Fresh Veggie Cup
Beans & Salsa
Lettuce & Tomato
Orange Smiles

Wednesday
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Fruit Cup
Cookies
Milk

Thursday
Hamburger/
Cheese Burger
Oven Fries
Carrots
Snowball Salad
Milk

Friday
Pulled Pork Sandwich
Savory Green Beans
Garden Salad
Chilled Pineapples
Brownies
Milk

GO BUFFS!



Beat Wink

JV vs Coahoma
6 pm, Thursday
Here

Varsity vs Wink
7:30 pm, Friday
There

Faces in the Crowd

Do you believe in Unicorns?



They're so fluffy!



Kadence T.

6th Grade

“Unicorns are real, because where else did horses come from?”



Rylee S.

8th Grade

“Yes, because there are rainbows in the sky.”



Wesley P.

5th Grade

“I don't, because they seem to be unrealistic.”



Peyton M.

6th Grade

“No, because they are extinct. They lived when the dinosaurs were here.”



Brittyn C.

7th Grade

“Yes, because they poop rainbows and skittles. And I love skittles.”



Paisley C.

7th Grade

“Yes, because unicorns are my favorite. You just stick a horn on a horse and it's a unicorn.”



